

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	West et al.	Art Unit:	2822
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Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING RELIABILITY OF COPPER INTERCONNECTS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 21, 2007. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5.